

St. John Vianney Church

February 26, 2023
First Sunday of Lent



*Strengthened by
by the Holy Spirit,
Jesus triumphed over
the temptations of
the devil.*

This week's Gospel can be found in the book of Matthew 4:1-11

Catholic Diocese of Peoria

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Mass: Sunday 8:00 AM All Are Welcome

Reconciliation: 7:30 AM to 7:50 AM

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Date	Mass Intentions	Given By
Feb 26 8:00 AM	For: Maxine Swanson For:	By: Les & Sharon Matson By:
Mar 05 8:00 AM	For: Les & Helen Causemaker For: Jeff Nichols	By: Marv & Mary Kay Newman By: Richard Nichols
Mar 12 8:00 AM	For: Leslie Hunt Family For: Rhea Dwyer	By: Carolyn Ossian By: Bill & Rita Taylor
Mar 19 8:00 AM	For: Carolyn Ossian For:	By: Leonard & Judy Boelens By:

Serving at Our Lord's Altar

Lay Ministry Schedule for February 26 - March 19, 2023	
Feb 26 8:00 AM	Extra Min: Brian & Julie Dwyer Lector: Larry Lavin
Mar 05 8:00 AM	Extra Min: Leonard Boelens & Larry Lavin Lector: Chris DeKezel
Mar 12 8:00 AM	Extra Min: Bill Taylor Lector: Don Hulin
Mar 19 8:00 AM	Extra Min: Chris DeKezel & Mary Kay Newman Lector: Dave Dobbels
USHERS	
Feb: George Bowman & Mark Skelton Mar: Brian Boberg & Dale Stiles	
COUNTERS	
Feb: Bill Taylor & Richard Nichols Mar: Joe Borkgren & Ron Koenigs	
<i>Week Day Masses:</i> Woodhull: 8:00 AM Tuesday & Thursday Galva: 8:00 AM Wednesday	

For Prayer Chain requests contact:

Terri Borkgren: 309-945-2628 or Julie Dwyer: 309-507-1627

Dates to Remember:

Feb 26: Men's Breakfast after Mass today
Mar 01: Stations of the Cross 5:30 PM

Our Mission Statement

St. John Vianney Parish's mission is to share the Word of God and to live His message of faith, love and forgiveness.

Our Vision Statement

We welcome all to share their time, talent and treasures to provide a deep and abiding understanding of God's Word.

Stations of the Cross

Beginning March 1st Stations of the Cross will be offered on Wednesdays at 5:30 pm. A meal will follow in the church hall. Please join us for prayer, food & fellowship.



Lenten Devotionals

are available at the entrances.
Every parishioner is invited to take one home for daily reflection and prayers.



PRAY FOR THE SICK

Xander Carlson, Donna Dobbels, Jim Dobbels, Tom Montgomery, Ryan Thrasher, Rose Mary Franck, & Mary Lou Robinson. Please pray for the sick, their loved ones, and caregivers. May they never lose sight of the love of God.



ANNOINTING OF THE SICK

Before going into the hospital, please call Fr. John Zilimu at 309-852-4549 Ext 106. If you are admitted to the hospital or nursing home prior to Fr. John anointing you, please tell admittance that you are Catholic. They will arrange for the designated chaplain to anoint you and will notify Fr. John.

Food for Thought: *The sign of the cross is a powerful weapon against the devil.*



Trivia Question (answer on last page)

"Mini Easter" days occur on which days during Lent?
a) Wednesdays b) Fridays c) Saturdays
d) Sundays



Last Week's Gifts to God

\$1,516.00 Sunday Total
\$965.00 Building Fund
is included in the above amount.

BUILDING FUND: To make a donation towards the upcoming project to repair or replace the parking lot, please mark your weekly envelope "Building Fund".

Many Thanks to the CCD students for making Valentines for some of our parishioners. The cards brightened their day!



The Word of God

It is written: *"One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God."* Matthew 4:4
To find the Word of God in the daily readings and the books of the Bible go to usccb.org.

In the Words of Fulton Sheen

It's never too late. In Lent, we should look ahead rather than back. Though time is too precious to waste, it must never be thought that what was lost is irretrievable. Once the Divine is introduced, then comes the opportunity to make up for losses. **GOD IS THE GOD OF THE SECOND CHANCE.** Peter denied, but he had the second chance in which to become as solid as a rock. Pardon won eternal life.



A Lenten Prayer

O Lord and Master of my life, keep from me the spirit of indifference and discouragement, lust of power and idle chatter. Instead, grant to me, Your servant, the spirit of wholeness of being, humble-mindedness, patience, and love. O Lord, grant me the grace to be aware of my sins and not to judge my brother. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen



40-Day Spiritual Reset

As we begin the beautiful and challenging season of Lent, our readings this week remind us why it is that we need these 40 days so much. They also suggest a particular strategy we Christian stewards might take as we make the journey towards Easter, so that we arrive there as better disciples — more focused on Christ and His mission for us.

Our first reading takes us all the way back to Genesis, reminding us of our Creator and the loving care and lavish gifts He gave to our ancestors, Adam and Eve. Out of pure love, He “formed man out of the clay of the ground and blew into his nostrils the breath of life.” Then He “planted a garden in Eden... [and] made various trees grow that were delightful to look at and good for food.” Life was good in the Garden! Until the first couple allowed just a sliver of doubt in the goodness of God to enter their minds.

Swayed by the words of the serpent that they could become like gods if they ate of the one fruit God had forbidden, they became ungrateful and distrustful despite God’s great love for them and all the gifts of creation He had provided. Sound familiar? These are the same temptations that threaten to pull us away from God today.

Our second reading, from St. Paul’s letter to the Romans, sums up this ancient story and reminds us that the same all-perfect God who created Adam and Eve and that good Garden has provided a remedy for our sins — the saving love and perfect obedience of Jesus on our behalf. “For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so through the obedience of the one, the many will be made righteous.” This is truly Good News!

Our first reading reminds us of our need for this 40-day “reset” to examine our lives and make changes where needed so that we can become stronger in overcoming temptations to sin. Our second reading gives us hope that this reset is truly possible through the mercy and grace of Jesus.

Our Gospel passage, from Matthew, shows us by the example of Jesus Himself one way that we can attain spiritual strength and grow to become more effective disciples and stewards. In this passage we find our Lord in the desert, fasting for 40 days and 40 nights. Like Adam and Eve, He is confronted by the evil one. But unlike our fallen parents, our Lord triumphs definitively over the devil’s lies and sends him slithering away. How did He do it? By knowing the Scriptures and by proclaiming them confidently, and by His perfect trust in the Father.

This Lent, let’s embrace this 40-day spiritual reset. Let’s commit to prayerfully studying the Scriptures. This could take the form of a daily family Gospel reflection, a few moments with the Psalms at the beginning of a lunch break or any other countless ways. If this requires a bit of “fasting” from social media or a favorite TV show in order to find the time, all the better since Jesus Himself fasted for 40 days, too. As faithful stewards, we are called to prioritize our use of time to seek a relationship with our loving God. Let’s get to know Him better by studying His Word this Lent!

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